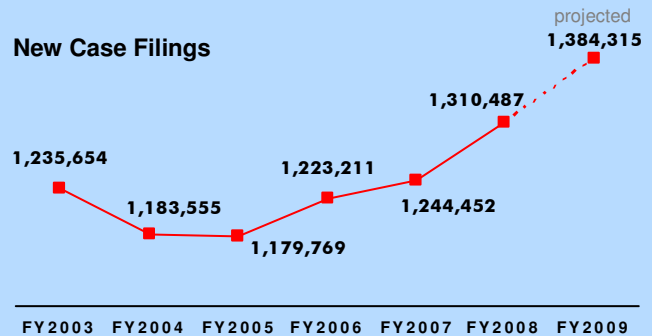


# The Massachusetts Trial Court Caseload, Case Management, Funding, and Staffing

## Growth in Case Filings

As the Administrative Office of the Trial Court addresses fiscal constraints, it is useful to consider the current operations of the Trial Court within a larger context. The number of new case filings increased in the Trial Court from FY2005 to FY2008.

### New Case Filings

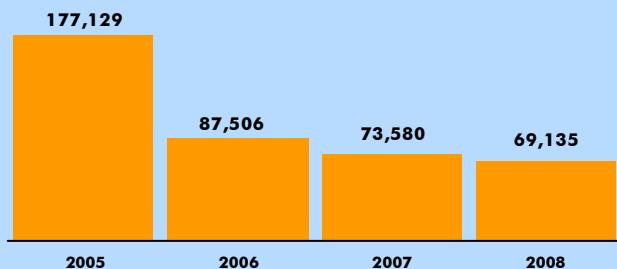


## Improved Case Management

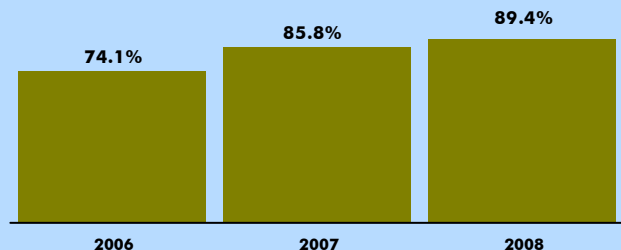
In an era of increased case loads, the Trial Court succeeded in making substantial inroads into backlogged cases and improved the timeliness of case processing. The number of backlogged cases decreased substantially over the last three years.

Time standards were established for each case type within the Trial Court. An increasing percentage of cases are disposed of within established time standards - another measure of the positive impact of management initiatives aimed at enhancing operational efficiency.

### Number of Cases Pending Beyond Time Standards



### Disposed Within Time Standards

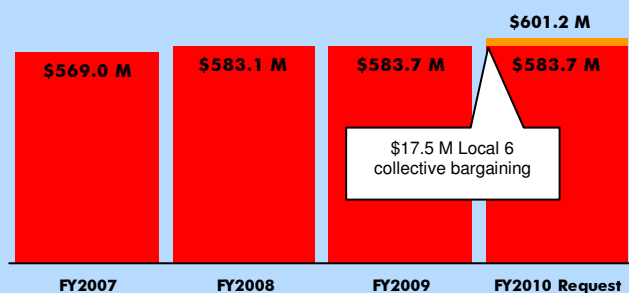


## Constrained Fiscal Resources

Trial Court funding has remained fairly flat over the last three years and the FY2010 request continues that pattern.

Trial Court employment levels have declined over the last three years.

### Trial Court Funding 4-Year Analysis



### Trial Court Position Analysis

